

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 21, 2010

Mr. Patrick K. Hallinan  
Superintendent  
Department of the Army  
Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA 22211-5003

Dear Superintendent Hallinan,

As you begin your term as the superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery, I would like to bring to your attention my ongoing request to establish a memorial marker on the grounds to honor the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Medal of Honor recipients.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division has made countless sacrifices to protect our nation's freedom. First activated in 1941, the Division was ascribed the motto of "First to Fight" as they were one the first U.S. Army divisions to see combat in the war and among the last to stop fighting. This motto also proved true in later years, as they were the first fighting unit deployed to Korea in 1950. For these brave acts, the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was appropriately recognized as 'the Victory Division' for their valiant efforts.

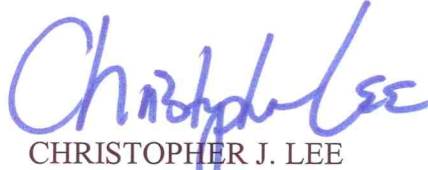
Last year, veterans of the now deactivated 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division made an initial request to place a small marker at Arlington National Cemetery in remembrance of their 14 fellow service members who were awarded the Medal of Honor. Former Superintendent John C. Metzler, Jr. denied this request citing decreased land availability. In response, I introduced a concurrent resolution (H.Con.Res. 232) expressing the sense of Congress that a site at Arlington should be provided for this marker. This resolution now has 22 bipartisan cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

I respectfully ask you to reexamine this request and carefully consider the specifics of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division veterans' request. First, veterans of this Division have offered to cover all expenses attributed to the design and construction of the marker. Second, the marker is relatively small. A number of years ago, 24<sup>th</sup> ID veterans dedicated a marker at Punchbowl National Cemetery in Hawaii and are planning to replicate this design for Arlington. This marker measures 2.75 feet wide and 1.66 feet deep. I have included these specifications and a photograph to give you an accurate perspective. Third, I have also included photographs of a number of markers of memorial currently in place along walking paths at Arlington. My office took these photographs on a recent visit to illustrate that a number of specific divisions, regiments, and other military outfits have been recognized and honored with a marker.

I ask you to revisit this request and take consideration of the details I have provided in this letter and the enclosures. Should you have any questions or requests for additional

information, please contact Jeff Freeland in my office at (202) 225-5265 or [jeff.freeland@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeff.freeland@mail.house.gov). I thank you for your consideration and wish you the very best as you embark on this new and honorable responsibility.

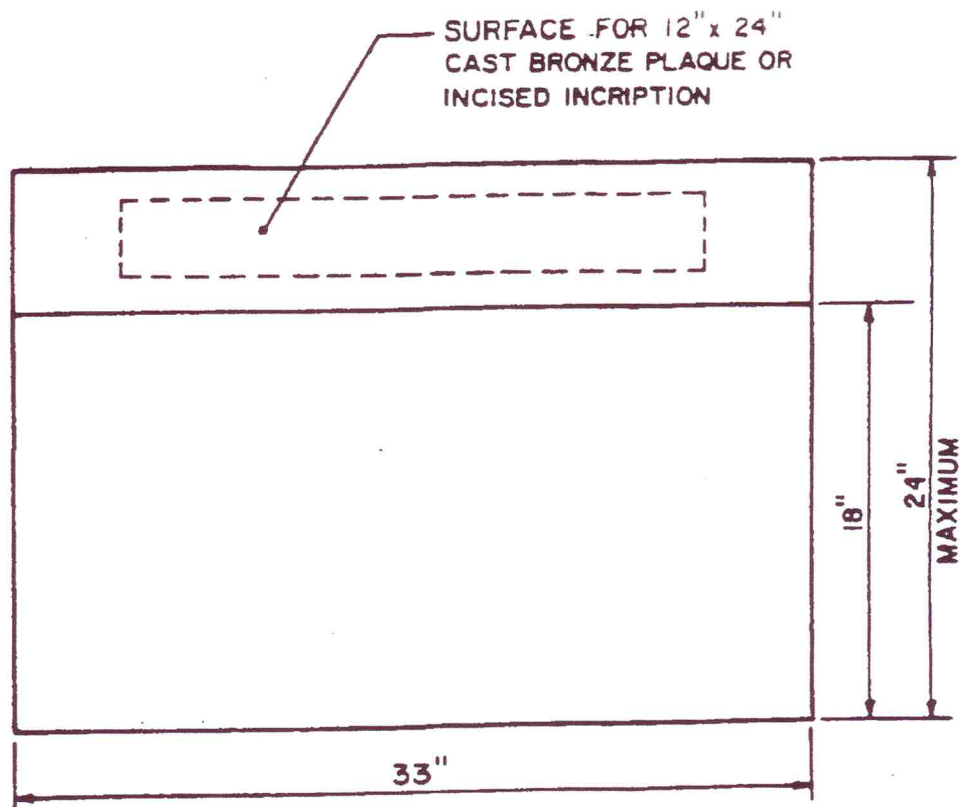
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christopher Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" and the last name "Lee" clearly distinguishable.

CHRISTOPHER J. LEE  
Member of Congress

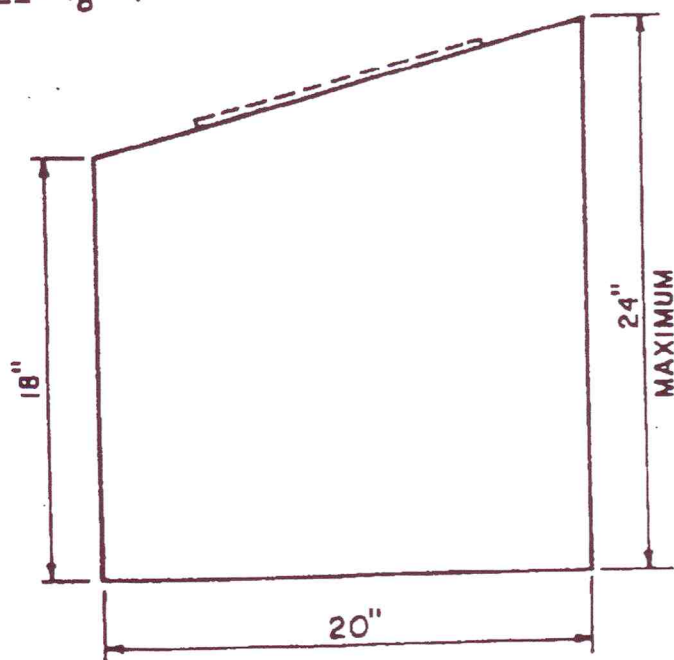
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## STONE BASE



### FRONT ELEVATION

SCALE:  $\frac{1}{8}" = 1"$



### SIDE ELEVATION

SCALE:  $\frac{1}{8}" = 1"$

Figure 2









94th INFANTRY DIVISION  
WORLD WAR II

A LIVING TRIBUTE FOR  
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY



FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
304TH BOMBARDMENT WING

454TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (U.S.)  
SAN GIOVANNI AIRFIELD, ITALY  
1944 - 1945



"HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE"

"HONORING ALL WHO SERVED"

"MEMORIALIZING THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE"

PLACED IN 1993 BY FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP  
MARKING THE 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ITS ACTIVATION



385th BOMB GROUP (H)  
8th AIR FORCE  
1943 - 1945



GREAT ASHFIELD  
(STATION 155)  
SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED AIDING IN THE LIBERATION OF  
EUROPE DURING WORLD WAR II

DEDICATED 1986





1942



55th PARACHUTE INFANTRY  
BATTALION

IN

REMEMBRANCE

NE LES OUBLIEZ JAMAIS  
WORLD WAR II

1945



DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE  
MEMBERS OF THE 23RD REGIMENTAL  
COMBAT TEAM MISSING OR KILLED IN  
ACTION DURING THE KOREAN WAR  
1950 - 1953



PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS  
OF THE 23RD INFANTRY REGIMENT  
KOREAN WAR BRANCH,  
KOREAN WAR DIVISION ASSOCIATION